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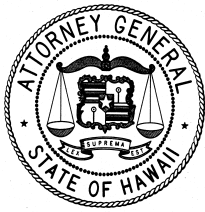
To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: February 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Re: Testimony on S.B. No. 1040, S.D. 1
Relating to Homelessness

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill, which would establish a rent-with-option-to-purchase pilot program in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) commented on a proposed Sunshine Law exemption in this bill as introduced, but that provision is not in the S.D. 1 version and **OIP has no further concerns with this bill.**



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
KA 'OIHANA O KA LOIO KUHINA
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 1040, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 **TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**
(For more information, contact Ryan K. P. Kanakaole,
Deputy Attorney General, at (808) 587-2978)

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments on this bill.

This bill establishes within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) a rent-with-option-to-purchase pilot program on the Leeward Coast of Oahu to assist beneficiaries on DHHL's homestead lease applicant waitlist who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The program would provide those beneficiaries with micro housing units under a rent-with-option-to-purchase arrangement, as well as other support services. For clarity, we recommend the following amendments to the bill.

The bill, on page 3, lines 10-13, authorizes DHHL to purchase lands and determine which lands to use for the pilot program "pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes." Chapter 91 establishes statutory requirements for agency rulemaking and contested cases; it does not establish land acquisition or land use procedures for DHHL. We therefore suggest striking the language referring to chapter 91, HRS, at page 3, lines 12-13.

The bill, on page 3, lines 14-16, requires DHHL to establish necessary terms and conditions to facilitate the transfer of ownership of rent-with-option-to-purchase units to participants of the pilot program "upon the expiration of the lease and the exercise of the option to purchase." When a program participant exercises their option to purchase, however, they would presumably reside in their purchased unit under a long-term

homestead lease issued pursuant to section 207, Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920. To provide greater clarity, we suggest replacing the aforementioned wording at page 3, lines 16-17, of the bill with “upon expiration of the rental term and the exercise of the option to purchase.”

The bill, on page 4, lines 15-18, allows the micro housing units to be used for affordable housing “through a deed restriction, easement, or other legally binding measure.” However, because DHHL will presumably retain ownership of the lands upon which the micro housing units are developed, deed restrictions and grants of easement for affordable housing uses are unnecessary. As such, we recommend replacing the aforementioned wording at page 4, lines 15-18, of the bill with “as may be determined by the department.”

Finally, the bill, on page 6, lines 10-13, defines “threatened with homelessness” as lacking the resources to maintain the mortgage and other expenses “associated with owning a traditional department of Hawaiian home lands property.” However, because DHHL administers a homestead leasing program and does not dispose of homestead properties to beneficiaries in fee simple, we suggest replacing the aforementioned wording at page 6, lines 12-13, of the bill with “associated with maintaining a residence.”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
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BONNIE KAHAKUI
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TESTIMONY
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
WAYS AND MEANS
February 28, 2023, 10:00 am

SENATE BILL 1040 SD1
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

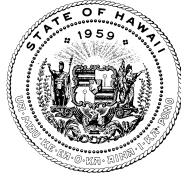
Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 1040 SD1, which would establish a rent-with-option-to-purchase pilot program in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The State Procurement Office (SPO) supports the intent of this bill and submitted comments on the proposed procurement exemption in the original version of this bill. Since that exemption language is not in the SD 1 version, the SPO has no further concerns with this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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**TESTIMONY OF IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS
DECISION MAKING ON FEBRUARY 28, 2023 AT 10:00AM IN CR 211**

SB 1040, SD 1 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

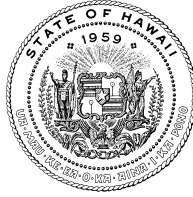
February 28, 2023

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comment on this measure that requires and appropriates funds for DHHL to establish a Rent-With-Option-To-Purchase Pilot Program on the Leeward Coast of Oahu to provide rent-with-option-to-purchase individual or shared micro housing units and services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and who are on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list.

DHHL appreciates the intent of this measure that seeks to establish a rent-with-option-to-purchase pilot program, similar in nature to projects in Kapolei and west Hawaii island. DHHL has recently begun to analyze the number of beneficiaries that are homeless and has an RFP out for rehabilitation and renovation of a building in Kalaeloa for use as a temporary transitional housing for homeless native Hawaiian beneficiaries. This type of project to rehabilitate and renovate a building to house homeless beneficiaries is a better first step.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

Testimony of **James Koshiba**
Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness
Before the
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
February 28, 2023
10:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

In consideration of
Senate Bill 1040 SD1
RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB1040 and to offer comments, but I defer to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) on all matters of implementation.

The need to house Native Hawaiians experiencing homelessness is urgent and acute. As Section 1 of the bill points out, half of all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness (i.e., those on our sidewalks and parks) are Native Hawaiian. For the first time, in 2022, the annual Oahu Point in Time Count census of people experiencing homelessness (Oahu PIT Count) asked unhoused individuals whether they were eligible beneficiaries of DHHL. On a self-reported basis, 44% of homeless Native Hawaiians on Oahu reported being eligible for a Hawaiian Home Lands Lease, and 15% reported already being on the wait list for Hawaiian Home Lands.

Often, people who are experiencing homelessness may be deemed ineligible for housing due to narrow or restrictive definitions of what it means to be "homeless" and the documentation required to verify their homelessness. For example, many existing homeless programs target the "chronically homeless," i.e., individuals with a diagnosed physical disability, mental illness, or addiction and who are verified as being homeless continuously for at least twelve months" (HRS §346-378). Many homeless people do not meet this definition, and others struggle to obtain the documentation required to prove it. Further, any homeless individual who enters a hospital, treatment program, or jail for ninety days is no longer "chronically homeless," even if discharged back to the street.

If the intent of this bill is to enable elderly, homeless DHHL beneficiaries to obtain housing, then I recommend amending the definitions in Section 2.(h) to read as follows:

"Homeless" means "Homeless" means:

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence; or

(2) An individual or family who has a primary night-time residence that is:

(A) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations;

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(B) An institution that provides temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or

(C) A public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as sleeping accommodations for human beings.

"Threatened with homelessness" means lacking the resources to maintain the mortgage, utility, taxes, or other expenses associated with owning a traditional department of Hawaiian home lands property; or, scheduled for discharge from a hospital, release from a jail or prison, or emancipation from foster care into homelessness."

Mahalo for your consideration.

James Koshiba
Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Re: **SB 1040, SD 1– RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 211 and Videoconference

Position: **Strong Support**

Aloha, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and its 7,500 members stand in strong support of SB 1040, SD1. This measure would require the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to establish the Rent—With—Option—To—Purchase Pilot Program on the Leeward Coast of Oahu to provide rent—with—option—to—purchase individual or shared micro housing units and services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and who are on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list, and it would appropriate funds.

As provided in the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Platform adopted at the DPH State Convention on May 28, 2022, this is our policy on HOUSING:

We believe housing is a human right. We believe that each and every person should have access to safe, stable and adequate housing regardless of ability to pay. We support policies that deliver housing that is affordable to people at the bottom of the income scale where the need is greatest. We support policies that reduce barriers to the development of this housing, so long as these policies do not conflict with the tenets laid out in the Environment and Energy plank. We support policies that reduce barriers to homeownership for residents. We support policies that preserve housing for residents and discourage real estate speculation.

We believe that homelessness is the symptom of an inequitable economic system that creates generational poverty and hardship. We believe this system must be changed. We support policy that gets people experiencing homelessness re-housed quickly and efficiently, and we support policy that delivers wrap-around services to recently re-housed individuals and families. We support adequate public funding for these initiatives. [OUR PLATFORM | DPH \(hawaiidemocrats.org\)](#)

Requiring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to establish the Rent—With—Option—To—Purchase Pilot Program on the Leeward Coast of Oahu to provide rent—with—option—to—purchase individual or shared micro housing units and services to native Hawaiian beneficiaries who are homeless, or threatened with homelessness, and who are on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list, and appropriating funds therefor, are consistent with the policies of the Democratic Party of Hawaii Platform on Homelessness. Please pass this measure. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

/s/ Melodie Aduja and Alan Burdick. Co-Chairs, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 7:24:48 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zeb Jones	Testifying for Hydroponics Alternatives LLC	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

I submit this testimony in SUPPORT of SB1040, SD 1 as amended, to include language referencing the Rent-with-an-Option-to-Purchase-Program and an appropriation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) of \$3,000,000. With the growing number of houseless kupuna and families residing on the Leeward Coast, we believe this bill could effectively alleviate this issue for those most at-risk. With an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to implement such a program, we also support any effort to ensure that any housing and/or funding reaches those who are in fact on the DHHL waiting list. Sadly, the DHHL waiting list does not seem to have shrunk in 30 years, despite many efforts made since the 1990s to increasing housing options for the Native Hawaiian community.

For these key reasons and in the interest of caring for our kupuna, and reducing Hawai'i's DHHL waiting list AND houseless population, we urge your Committee to please pass SB1040, SD 1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present this testimony supporting SB1040, SD 1.

Zeb Jones

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Submitted on: 2/23/2023 10:36:13 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry OPPOSE SB 1040 RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.

The homelessness situation in Waianae is a rerun from 20 years ago, same o same o.

Statistic? Non-profit addressing the homelessness in Waianae, is the winners instead of the homelessness population. Many programs and 20 years later the same o same o.

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2023 4:17:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am a supporter of the language in the Kauhale program, so I was a bit sad to see that language replaced, but this proposal still seems like it would be a worthwhile investment, so I will continue to support SB1040 SD1.

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 6:20:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lynette Cruz	Testifying for Malama Makua	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senators. Malama Makua knows this is a controversial bill but it is totally reasonable, considering the fact that so many are on the waitlist and DHHL doesn't seem able to move the backlog much. There's major concern in the Hawaiian community about being able to qualify for loans to build or purchase homes. People continue to die waiting. At this point in time a place smaller than a 3 bedroom 2 bath house, like an apartment, is preferable to no house. Maybe kupuna can be pushed to the front of the line before they die. Houseless kupuna also should be given priority. The idea is to provide shelter that, given the circumstances or need of those on the waitlist, meets the need. Those that prefer the larger house can wait. Those in their kupuna years obviously cannot. Thank you for proposing this bill. It has merit.

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 6:39:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lena Suzuki	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

With 28,000 Hawaiian on the DHHI waitlist, I feel that this bill will help not only house or houseless it will help heal our people. Being houseless is very traumatizing, and can have long-term effects on a person. We all are aware of the historical trauma that Hawaiian people have been through, being houseless just adds on to their generational trauma that these people go through every day. Once people are housed, then we can help looking into what's the next step for them.

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 6:46:20 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Juanita Kawamoto Brown	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Honorable Elected Public Servants of Hawaii,

Please pass this significant legislation for the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii Nei. The solution to homelessness in Hawaii starts with the people we elect as public servants who do the right thing, especially for those who suffer needlessly in the Aloha State! I have seen empty housing withheld for all the Homeless kupuna on the Westside of Oahu for too many years! Please show compassion and mercy. You all wake Up every morning with a room over your Head, you can do the same for the Most unfortunate Native Hawaiians, By supporting SB 1040, Now!

god bless the People of Hawaii in need,

JUANITA MAHIENAENA BROWN KAWAMOTO

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 7:23:01 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nancy Jones	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Takayama, and Committee Members:

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For these key reasons and in the interest of caring for our kupuna, and reducing Hawai'i's DHHL waiting list AND houseless population, we urge your Committee to please pass SB1040, SD 1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to present this testimony supporting SB1040, SD 1.

Nancy Jones

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Submitted on: 2/27/2023 7:39:22 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kara Kelay	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill. Our houseless Kanaka Oihi deserve a chance to be in a home in their homelands.

TESTIMONY WITH COMMENTS ON
SB1040, SD1, RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS
Hearing: Feb 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith Agaran, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Aloha,

At the initial hearing of SB1040, Relating to Homelessness, I enthusiastically gave testimony in support. The intent of the bill seemed sound providing opportunity to native Hawaiian beneficiaries, who are on the DHHL waitlist with the opportunity to rent-with-option-to purchase.

However, I now note several testimonies from Homestead beneficiaries who oppose the bill concerned that the action proposed by the bill is a breach of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and may be contrary to the intent and purpose of Act 279 to reduce the waitlist. I believe the concept of providing opportunity to waitlisted native Hawaiians with the opportunity to rent with option to purchase would help to eventually reduce the wait list.

However, the problem is using this option as a means for reducing homeless and the ability of DHHL to provide all of the social services necessary to support such individuals. Further, it is highly unlikely that homeless who can ill afford rentals now will eventually qualify for mortgages to purchase homes.

I note also the testimony of Ikaika Anderson, then chairman-designate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission that stated, “The department appreciates the intent of this measure and supports the kauhale concept, recognizing that the department has focused on the development of homestead lots for award to beneficiaries. **DHHL has recently begun to analyze the number of beneficiaries who are homeless and has a request for proposals (RFP) out for rehabilitation and renovation of a building in Kalaeloa for use as a temporary transitional housing for homeless native Hawaiian beneficiaries.** If the Legislature prefers a kauhale pilot program, DHHL is interested in working with the Legislature on such opportunities for beneficiaries.” (Bolded for emphasis).

Thus, it appears that the Hawaiian Homes Commission is addressing the need for temporary housing for homeless native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

The proposed Kauhale Program, as a means to help waitlisted beneficiaries to rent to own has merit and I continue to support it, but **suggest that the bill should be further vetted with DHHL and homestead beneficiaries. Too, I am concerned with any exemptions from laws that protect the environment and Hawaiian cultural sites.**

Mahalo for your consideration of my comments.

Leimomi Khan

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 8:39:47 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jasmine Slovak	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai,

This measure is an imperative solution in a recognized housing crisis!
No one measure can address all the needs for our housing shortfall, but this one is timely with straightforward execution-- it has the ability to make an immediate impact on people suffering the most.

I support bill SB1040 SD1; I humbly ask that you do too.

With respect and aloha,

Jasmine Slovak

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 8:47:51 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hideki Kimukai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear committee members

I am testifying in support of this bill. Having a safe shelter is a basic human right, especially for native Hawaiians and people of the land who are priced out of their homeland by the system in place.

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 9:00:59 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marion K A Kapuniai	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

DHHL already has to encumber \$600 Million withn 2 years, adressing the Watlisters.

Implementation of this bill needs further discussion and collaboration and should not have an effective date of June, 2023:

Timing, Planning, and Services to be offerred which are not in the purview of the HHCA, but the responsibility of other agencies which have the expertise, as provided in earlier testimony.

Thank you, M Kapuniai

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 9:05:13 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lelaine Lau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha to whom ia may concern at the DHHL:

Hawai'i's housing crisis has reached epic proportions, impacting Kanaka Maoli disproportionately. They are dying on your wait list for housing already promised a long time ago, all while outsiders continue to run roughshod over our housing market with near zero impunity, because the power structure here, going by their actions, want it that way.

With over half of Hawai'i's unsheltered population Kanaka Maoli, and with your agency tasked with the reparations of providing them home in their own ancestral homeland, it is incumbent on you to pass this measure without delay and without fail. They are OWED this, and the DHHL has been deficient in carrying out its mandate.

It is shameful to be watching the genocide of a native population in real time.

Please do the right thing. I am in full support of any measure that facilitates getting Kanaka Maoli housed in their homeland. They are our hosts here.

Respectfully,

Lelaine

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 9:06:34 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ralph Hasegawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, I support SB1040 because Hawaiians should be able to buy land and own a house.
Mahalo, Scubie

Kako'o au i ka SB1040 no ka mea i ka po'e Hawai'i e pono e kū'ai mai i ka 'āina a pono'i ka hale.

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 9:45:33 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ekini Lindsey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in SUPPORT of SB1040!!! It is imperative to SUPPORT this BILL which allows individual houseless DHHL "waitlisters" the right to activate DHHL's mission. The DHHL mission statement executes the protection for Hawaiians on lands designate for their living. This SB1040 is another positive vehicle that will place the percentage of our "houseless" community into homes to carry out their daily duties in society, secured with a roof over their head!! In all, Hawaii has one of the largest homeless crisis!! I live near Kapi'olani Blvd, and I met many homeless who flew in on a one-way ticket from other State's, struggling to survive!!

Let's conquer this dilemma one step at a time by focusing on DHHL houseless!!! By supporting this BILL, we can quickly move forward, one roof at a time!!

SB-1040-SD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2023 9:49:39 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2023 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Corey Asano and I stand in support of SB1040 relating to homelessness. This I believe is a much needed first step to help get Hawaii families off the street and into safe homes.

Corey